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SUBJECT: FREQUENCY ALLOCATION CONFERENCE

REF: (A) USIA 27477; (B) USBERLIN 1669

1. RIAS RESPONSE TO REF. A, PREPARED AFTER CONSULTATION  
WITH APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICERS, IS ALSO IN ELABORATION  
OF REF. B, WHICH EMPHASIZES THAT PRESENT BROADCASTING  
ARRANGEMENTS IN BERLIN ARE UNDER ALLIED KOMMANDATURA  
CONTROL WITH AUTHORITY OVER ALLOCATION OF BERLIN  
FREQUENCIES SPECIFICALLY RESERVED TO KOMMANDATURA.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE THAT FRG/BUNDESPOST SHOULD  
BE AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT BERLIN INTERESTS OF THREE ALLIED  
POWERS WITH REGARD TO BERLIN FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS, WHICH  
INCLUDE THOSE OF SENDER FREIES BERLIN, AND THAT THE MINIMAL  
REQUIREMENTS OF SFB AND OF BRITISH AS WELL AS OUR OWN  
SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT.

3. SPECIFICALLY, IN REPLY TO QUESTION 1 OF REF. A, HOF

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FREQUENCIES ARE 737 KHZ, DAYTIME ONLY, GROUNDWAVE RANGE 80 KM

INTO SOUTHWEST GDR, NO BIG CITIES REACHED, 1,500,000 POTENTIAL LISTENERS; 683 KHZ, NIGHTTIME ONLY, SKYWAVE RANGE 260 KM WITH DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA PATTERN, PROVIDES GOOD COVERAGE MAIN PART GDR INCLUDING INTERFERENCE ZONE CREATED BY 989 KHZ FROM BERLIN, 1,200,000 POTENTIAL LISTENERS (TOGETHER WITH 989 KHZ FROM BERLIN, 683 KHZ FROM HOF ASSURES ALMOST 100 PER CENT COVERAGE OF GDR DURING SKYWAVE PERIOD).

4. BERLIN FREQUENCIES ARE 989 KHZ AROUND THE CLOCK, OMNIDIRECTIONAL, DAYTIME GROUNDWAVE RANGE 100 KM, NIGHTTIME SKYWAVE 700 KM, PROVIDES GOOD COVERAGE FOR MOST OF GDR EXCEPT IN GROUNDWAVE-SKYWAVE INTERFERENCE ZONE (40-120 KM WIDE); 2,900,000 POTENTIAL LISTENERS BY DAY AND 3,300,000 BY NIGHT; 854 KHZ, NIGHTS ONLY, SKYWAVE RANGE 400 KM, DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA, TOWARDS NORTHWEST PART OF GDR, POTENTIAL 1,700,000 LISTENERS; 683 KHZ, DATIME ONLY, SIMILAR COVERAGE PATTERN OF GDR AS 989'S, GROUNDWAVE RANGE 100 KM, POTENTIAL LISTENERS 2,900,000.

5. RE QUESTION 2, 989 KHZ IS BEST FREQUENCY AND ONE TO WHICH USG HAS STRONGEST TITLE, IT HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY AT COPENHAGEN IN 1948. RIAS COULD GIVE UP ALL OTHER MW FREQUENCIES EXCEPT 989, BUT ONLY IF NEGOTIATIONS COULD PRODUCE UNDERSTANDING NOT TO JAM ASSIGNED CHANNELS. IF SUCH AGREEMENT NOT FORTHCOMING, OR NOT KEPT, RIAS WOULD WISH RETAIN ALL PRESENT FREQUENCIES. THIS LINKAGE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SINCE OTHERWISE GDR'S EXTENSIVE JAMMING EQUIPMENT/CURRENTLY DIRECTED AGAINST FOUR MW TRANSMISSIONS, COULD BE CONCENTRATED ON SINGLE

REMAINING BAND, THEREBY EFFECTIVELY OBLITERATING SAME.

6. RE QUESTION 3, RIAS COULD NOT RPT NOT OPERATE EFFECTIVELY ONLY ON FM. SUCH A RETREAT WOULD FORFEIT SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF EAST GERMAN AUDIENCE AND THUS MUCH OF RIAS RAISON D'ETRE. ADDITIONAL FM CHANNELS AND NEW FM BROADCAST SITES ARE INDEED NEEDED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN AVAILABLE. SEARCH CONTINUES.

7. RE QUESTION 4, RIAS CONSIDERS IT CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE  
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TO SHARE SINGLE MW FREQUENCY WITH SFB. CONFIDENT SFB FEELS SAME WAY. RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS, MISSIONS, AUDIENCE PRIORITIES AND IDENTITIES OF TWO STATIONS ALL MAKE THIS UNTENABLE ALTERNATIVE. ROSINUS

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